

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently Amended) A lens barrel of a camera comprising:
a plurality of cylindrical bodies expandable in a multistage fashion;
an optical lens system constituted by a plurality of lens groups disposed along an optical axis, all of said plurality of lens groups being accommodated in a leading cylindrical body, among said plurality of cylindrical bodies; and
a driving source incorporated in said leading cylindrical body, wherein said optical lens system comprises at least two fixed lens groups secured to said leading cylindrical body and at least one movable lens group movable along the optical axis upon receiving a driving force of said driving source.
2. (Previously Presented) The lens barrel according to claim 1, wherein said movable lens group is disposed between said two fixed lens groups.
3. (Previously Presented) The lens barrel according to claim 1, further comprising:
a movable lens frame attached to said movable lens group;
a threaded shaft, in mesh with said movable lens frame, oriented along the optical axis of said plurality of lens groups; and
a rotary driving section for supplying a rotary force to said threaded shaft to rotate said movable lens group along the optical axis direction.

Claim 4 (Cancelled).